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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tuesday, the 29th August 1961.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Madras State Transport Department

* 279 Q.—VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state, with reference to the answer given to Legislative Council Question No. 10 on 8th December 1959—

(a) whether the Government have completed the examination of the report of the International Labour Officer of the International Labour Organization in regard to the Madras State Transport Department; and

(b) if so, the decisions, if any, taken by the Government on his recommendations?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Member is referred to the statement placed on the table of the House on 18th February 1961, showing the recommendations made by Mr. R. L. Mitchell, International Labour Organisation Expert, for improvement in the working of the Madras State Transport undertaking and the action thereon.

VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : *அந்தச் சிபாரிசுகளில் எவையேனும் இப்போது நடைமுறையில் பின்பற்றப்படுகின்றனவா ?*

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : *எவையேனும் என்றால் என்ன சொல்வது ? எல்லாம் நடைமுறையில் அமல் நடத்தப்பட வேண்டும்.*

Co-operative Credit Societies

* 280 Q.—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Co-operative Credit Societies classified as A, B, C and D as a result of the audit conducted in 1956–57 and 1957–58; and

(b) the percentage of overdues to the total outstanding loan in 1956–57 and 1957–58?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (a) & (b) The information [a] is furnished in the paper placed on the table of the House.

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 281 infra.

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SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : From the statement laid on the table of the House, it is seen that the percentage of overdues in 1956–57 is 13·04 and that in 1957–58 is 13·67. When the percentage of overdues is below 5 only, it is classified as 'A'. What steps have been taken to reduce the overdues?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : There has been a very great increase in credit facilities during this period, and, therefore, the overdues in terms of percentage are more or less the same. But, for subsequent years, my recollection is that the overdues have come down.

Advances to Government servants for building houses.

MR. CHAIRMAN : As the hon. Member Sri Mohamed Raza Khan is not in his seat, the question and the answer thereto will be printed in the official report of the proceedings.

* 281 *Q.*—SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to grant advances and loans to Government servants for building houses, purchase of house-sites, and if so, what it is;

(*b*) the number of applications received till 31st January 1961; and

(*c*) the number disposed of?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Yes, Sir. The Government have formulated a scheme for the grant of advance to State Government servants for building, etc., houses. Under the scheme, advances not exceeding 24 months' pay, subject to a maximum of—

(1) Rs. 30,000 for the purchase of land and for construction of house,

(2) Rs. 25,000 for the construction of house only, and

(3) Rs. 10,000 for enlargement of living accommodation in an existing house,

can be sanctioned.

Government servants drawing Rs. 500 per mensem and below are, however, eligible for advance not exceeding 36 months' pay subject to the maxima prescribed above. The loans are disbursed in instalments related to the progress of construction, and are repayable with interest in monthly instalments within a period not exceeding 20 years.

(*b*) & (*c*) Thirty applications were received, of which twenty-nine have been disposed of.